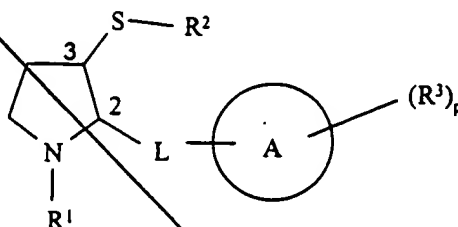


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ABSTRACT

3-MERCAPTOPYRROLIDINES AS FARNESYL PROTEIN TRANSFERASE INHIBITORS

The present invention relates to inhibitors of ras farnesylation of the Formula I



Formula I

wherein:

R¹ is for example H and further values as defined in the specification; R² is for example H and further values as defined in the specification; R³ is for example H or a substituent having values as defined in the specification; p is 0-3 in which R³ values can be the same or different; L is a linking moiety for example -CH₂NH- and further values as defined in the specification; A is selected from phenyl; naphthyl; a 5-10 membered monocyclic or bicyclic heteroaryl ring containing upto 5 heteroatoms where the heteroatoms are independently selected from O, N & S; or a -S-S- dimer thereof when R²=H; or a N-oxide or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, prodrug or solvate thereof. Processes for their preparation their use as therapeutic agents and pharmaceutical compositions containing them. A particular use is in cancer therapy.

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